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CARPET WOOL PRICES

CLEAN BASIS

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1947

	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>
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BA	1947	2000	2000	1947	2000	2000	1947	2000	2000	1947	2000	2000
BA	1948 Nov.	• 200	• 285	• 285	• 266	• 266	• 306	• 285	• 285	• 281	• 285	• 285
R2	scrutching	• 410	• 435	• 435	• 435	• 435	• 430	• 430	• 485	• 492	• 492	• 530
R2	White											
India/Pakistan	• 362	• 562	• 562	• 56	• 525	• 527	• 539	• 550	• 562	• 588	• 600	• 610
T1	• 528	• 692	• 692	• 492	• 485	• 485	• 485	• 510	• 511	• 518	• 518	• 560
..	Alsenno	• 575	• 560	• 560	• 530	• 545	• 540	• 550	• 56	• 575	• 593	• 620
#1	White	• 570	• 560	• 560	• 530	• 543	• 540	• 548	• 56	• 560	• 590	• 610
#1	White/Kurdistan	• 570	• 560	• 560	• 530	• 543	• 540	• 548	• 56	• 560	• 590	• 610

1948

BA	1948 Nov.	• 327	• 350	• 328	• 334	• 366	• 410	• 415	• 475	• 471	• 482	• 551	• 558
R2	scrutching	• 568	—	• 580	• 562	• 590	• 631	• 585	• 612	• 629	• 618	• 656	• 665
R2	White												
India/Pakistan	• 696	• 664	• 637	• 618	• 655	• 680	• 698	• 703	• 694	• 680	• 697	• 710	
Tibet	• 610	• 624	• 596	• 575	• 587	• 615	• 640	• 641	• 626	• 617	• 650	• 674	
..	Alsenno	• 703	• 710	• 691	• 639	• 658	• 690	• 706	• 705	• 697	• 677	• 688	• 700
1	White	• 694	• 720	• 660	• 620	• 653	• 660	• 674	• 700	• 690	• 683	• 660	• 720
1	White/Karach	• 694	• 720	• 660	• 620	• 653	• 660	• 674	• 700	• 690	• 683	• 660	• 720

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	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>
BR 6's Nov.	.570	.553	.501	.515	.467	.441	.487	.532	.553	.493	.541	.616
Crutchings	.720	-	.695	.648	.661	.573	.597	.619	.601	.574	.611	.680

	<u>India/Pakistan</u>	<u>White</u>										
1949	.716	.691	.644	.637	.663	.654	.651	.674	.653	.626	.659	.733
1950	.658	.665	.625	.566	.629	.598	.598	.603	.633	.581	.600	.706
1951	.712	.680	.656	.640	.625	.603	.615	.671	.680	.639	.670	.748
1952	.72	.685	.690	.633	.620	.596	.650	.643	.650	.643	.650	.690

1950

	<u>6's Nov.</u>	<u>688</u>	<u>.745</u>	<u>.784</u>	<u>.839</u>	<u>.935</u>	<u>.933</u>	<u>.925</u>	<u>1.017</u>	<u>1.250</u>	<u>1.300</u>	<u>1.512</u>	<u>1.608</u>
Crutchings	.763	.794	.778	.814	.878	.932	.963	1.051	1.243	1.325	1.522	1.607	
India/Pakistan	.769	.802	.832	.842	.921	.963	1.004	1.054	1.290	1.331	1.487	1.645	
White	.720	.733	.736	.773	.8445	.900	.963	.987	1.178	1.252	1.379	1.574	
White	.801	.794	.783	.825	.911	.949	.962	1.039	1.227	1.253	1.389	1.530	
White	.765	.790	.827	.840	.905	.928	.97	.992	1.200	1.250	1.350	1.520	

COTTON WOOL PRICES

CLEAN BASIS

1951

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
6's Nov.	1.93	2.16	2.23	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.07	.92	.998	.94	.87
W. Grutchings	2.07	2.25	3.22	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.11	.915	.80	.909	.91
White India/Pakistan	1.93	2.02	2.05	1.80	1.45	1.16	1.11	1.03	.895	.961	.95	.885
P. Dot	1.83	1.95	1.95	1.86	1.48	2.06	1.12	1.09	.915	.990	.971	.929
Alpaca	1.67	1.88	1.92	1.72	1.37	1.13	1.00	.91	.871	.944	.926	.889
White Afghan/Karakul	1.74	2.01	1.99	1.73	1.43	1.16	1.07	1.03	.853	.95	.936	.922
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